

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1241

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to recognize March 30, 2020, as National Doctors Day.

WHEREAS, physicians play an essential role in our society by caring for the sick, advancing medical knowledge, and promoting good health; and

WHEREAS, the Alliance to the Barrow County Medical Society of Winder, Georgia, was responsible for the first observance of Doctors Day on March 30, 1933, the ninety-first anniversary of the first administration of anesthesia by Dr. Crawford W. Long in Jefferson, Georgia, in 1842; and

WHEREAS, the Alliance noted that the purpose of Doctors Day was "the well-being and honor of the profession, its observance demanding some act of kindness, gift or tribute in remembrance of the Doctors"; and

WHEREAS, since 1935, the Southern Medical Association Alliance has been actively involved in promoting Doctors Day, with the red carnation serving as the symbol of its observance; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed Senate Joint Resolution 366 (Public Law 101-473) designating March 30 as National Doctors Day; and

WHEREAS, to quote the resolution:

"WHEREAS society owes a debt of gratitude to physicians for the contributions of physicians in enlarging the reservoir of scientific knowledge, increasing the number of scientific tools, and expanding the ability of health professionals to use the knowledge and tools effectively in the never-ending fight against disease and,

WHEREAS society owes a debt of gratitude to physicians for the sympathy and compassion of physicians in ministering to the sick and in alleviating human suffering"

; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of Tennessee's dedicated physicians by observing National Doctors Day; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize March 30, 2020, as National Doctors Day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.